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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 19, 2005. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 4.

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.